

Town Recreational Shellfish Crier September 30, 2019

1. October 1 Brings Changes

Starting tomorrow, recreational shellfishing permit holders may harvest shellfish every day of the week, anywhere from the Indian Neck breakwater south, including Blackfish Creek and all of Lieutenant Island. Limit is still one 10-quart basket a week. Oysters must be three inches long as measured on a ring. We have free rings in our trucks, at our office on the pier and in the Principal Clerk's Office in Town Hall. Hard shell clams (quahogs) must measure one inch across the hinge, and soft shell clams (steamers) must measure two inches in length. Chipman's Cove will open on the last Sunday in October (Oct. 27).

2. Quahog Relay Area Closed Until June 1, 2020

The Burton Baker Beach area from the groin (mini-breakwater) on the left to the rock to the right on Indian Neck will be closed again to all shellfishing until June 1, 2020. You can collect shellfish south of the south groin at Burton Baker and north of the rock, which is to the north of the north groin (breakwater). Before harvesting shellfish, look at maps at entrances to Indian Neck and at Burton Baker to be sure, or ask one of us patrolling the area for guidance if you are unsure.

3. Reminder: Help Clean Up Wellfleet Harbor: Mayo Beach, Columbus Day, Monday, Oct. 14, 9 a.m.

COASTSWEEP 2019 is a joint project by the Wellfleet Conservation Trust, Recycling Committee, Conservation Commission, Open Space Committee and Friends of the Herring River, and is part of the statewide beach clean-up sponsored by the Mass. Office of Coastal Zone Management. Volunteers should meet at Mayo Beach at 9 a.m. to be assigned sections of Wellfleet Harbor for cleaning, collecting data and returning trash.

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